

ORDERS, RULES,
AND
ORDINANCES,

Made and Ordained by the

Master, Governors, *and* Assistants

OF THE
SURGEONS COMPANY

OF
L O N D O N,

AT A
COURT OF ASSISTANTS

OF THE SAID
C O M P A N Y,

HOLDEN AT

Stationers-Hall, L O N D O N,

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S U R G E O N S C O M P A N Y

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L O N D O N.

IMPRIMIS, it is ordained, That every Person who shall hereafter be made free of the said Mistry and Commonalty, shall before his Admission into the same Freedom, take his corporal Oath, upon the holy Evangelists, before the Master and Governors thereof, or before Two of them at the least, in the Manner or to the Effect ensuing :

A FREEMAN'S OATH.

YOU shall swear, That you shall be true and loyal to our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and faithful and true in all lawful Things, unto the Corporation and Company of the Surgeons of London, whereof you are now made free; and accordingly be obedient to the Master and Governors thereof; and, as much as in you lieth, maintain Amity and Unity therein, and obey, observe, and perform all the lawful Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances thereof; and be proportionably contributory to the best of your Power, to all lawful or reasonable Charges, Contributions, and Payments, belonging or necessarily appertaining to you to bear, as other Brethren of the same Company do. And also you shall obey all Manner of lawful Summons or Warnings done or to be made by the Clerk, Beadle, or other Officer of the said Company thereunto assigned, in the Name of the Master or Governors, having no lawful or reasonable Excuse or Impediment to the contrary: All these Articles you shall truly, fully, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep, to the best of your Power.

So help you GOD.

II. ITEM, it is ordained, That whoever hereafter shall be chosen Principal Master or Governor, or Warden or Governor, or Assistant, or Clerk, or Beadle of this Company, shall every
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of them after his or their Election, and before his or their Admission into such respective Office or Offices, and before he or they shall execute such Office, whether in part or in whole, severally and respectively take an Oath before the Master or Governors, or Two of them at the least, and before the major Part of the Assistants for the Time being, in such Manner and Form as is herein-after ordained, to and for every such several and respective Officer: Which Oaths are as followeth.

The OATH of the PRINCIPAL MASTER.

YOU shall swear, That during the Time of your Office of Principal Master or Governor, you shall diligently observe, keep, and maintain, the Profit and Common Weal of the Corporation and Company of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London, in all Points lawful, according to your best Skill and Power; and shall observe, keep, maintain, and execute, and cause to be observed, kept, maintained, and executed, as far forth as lawfully you may, all the good and lawful Charters and Liberties, Privileges, Usages, Customs, Acts, and Ordinances thereof; and accordingly shall, as far as in you lieth, correct and punish, by Fines, Pains, and Penalties, all such Offenders therein as shall appear, either by any of their own Confessions, or by any other sufficient Proof, according to the Quality of every such Offence; and that you shall

shall proceed duly, truly, carefully, impartially, and equally, according to your best Skill and Power, and shall not for any Love, Fear, Dread, Envy, Hatred, Malice, Corruption, or other partial Affection, unduly proceed to any Order, Rule, Conclusion, or Determination, for or concerning any Variance or Question by or betwixt any Person or Persons with whom you shall have to do by reason of your said Office, or any otherwise, than according to such said Charters, Liberties, Privileges, Usages, Customs, Acts, and Ordinances as aforesaid.

So help you GOD.

*The OATH of the Two GOVERNORS or
WARDENS.*

The same Oath, *mutatis mutandis*, to be administered to each of the other Two Governors or Wardens; that is to say, in every place of the last-mentioned Oath where the *Principal Master or Governor* is expressed and set down, to read *Governor or Warden*.

The OATH of an ASSISTANT.

YOU shall swear, *That with all your Skill, Diligence, and Power, as a good Assistant ought to do, you shall assist with good Council the Master and Governors and other the Assistants of the Corporation or Commonalty of Surgeons of London, so long as you shall remain in that Office;*
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and shall in all lawful Things, uphold and maintain the Profit and Common Weal thereof; and that you shall attend when required at such Court as shall be holden by the said Master or Governors; and shall behave yourself there modestly, soberly, gravely, and orderly, with the best Discretion, Wisdom, and Council; and that, being required by the said Master or Governors to give your best Advice, you shall freely, fully, and faithfully perform it, without any sinister, partial, or unjust Respect or Affection; and that you shall not utter or reveal any such Speeches, Conferences, or Communications as shall be had at the making of any such Orders as shall be passed in such Courts, to any Person or Persons to whom the same ought not by any the Acts or Ordinances of the said Corporation or Commonalty to be revealed or uttered; and that you shall not conspire or consult with any Person or Persons whatsoever to prevent, hurt, or hinder any such good and lawful Matter or Motion of the said Master or Governors, or any of them, as shall be propounded or considered at any such Court, the same not being contrary or repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or to the Rules and Ordinances of the said Corporation or Commonalty, nor prejudicial to the same Corporation or Commonalty: And all other Things as shall in any Sort concern the Place of an Assistant, now or at any Time hereafter, you shall duly, truly, and justly, to the uttermost of your Power and Skill, perform and fulfil.

So help you GOD.

The CLERK'S OATH.

YOU shall swear, That you shall be a good and true Clerk of this Corporation or Company of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London; and that you shall exercise and execute the same Office with all your Skill, Diligence, and Power; and that you shall be attendant at all convenient Times unto the Master or Governors thereof: and shall duly, truly, and diligently perform whatsoever the said Master or Governors shall lawfully command, not being repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or to the Rules and Orders of the said Corporation or Company; and that you shall issue out all such Summons and Warnings to all such Persons of the said Corporation as appertaineth to your Place to summons; and that you shall not nor will not be influenced by Fear, Dread, Love, Favour, Malice, Hatred, or other sinister or partial Respect or Affection in your Proceedings with any Person or Persons with whom you shall have to do by reason of this your Office, but justly, equally, and honestly, in all Respects; and all such Sums of Money as you shall happen to receive, by way of Quarterage or otherwise for the said Master or Governors, you shall truly pay and deliver to the same Master or Governors; and all the Privileges, Grants, Articles, Rules, and Ordinances concerning the said Corporation or Company you shall so far forth as you lawfully

fully may uphold and maintain, and all Councils which ought to be concealed and kept secret, you shall conceal and keep secret; and if you shall or do know, perceive, or foresee any private or public Attempt or Intent, by any Means, of any Prejudice, Hurt, or Hindrance to the said Corporation or Company, that then immediately with all possible Expedition you shall give Notice thereof to the said Master or Governors, or to some of them, that some speedy Prevention or Reformation thereof may be had accordingly; and that you shall keep all such Books, Writings, or Remembrances concerning the said Corporation or Company as shall be under your Charge, without any sinister, undue, or partial Addition, Diminution, Razure, or Alteration thereof, except it be with the express Licence or Consent of all or the greater Part of the said Master or Governors and Assistants thereof at their Court of Assistants; and all other lawful Things concerning your Office, you shall fully, faithfully, duly, and diligently observe, perform, and fulfil: And you further swear, That you have not at any Time, either by yourself or by any other Person employed by you or with your Knowledge and Consent, offered, given, or promised any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Gift or Bribe, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, in order to obtain any Vote, or the Promise of any Vote, for your being elected to the said Office of Clerk to this Company or Corporation.

So help you GOD.

The BEADLE'S OATH.

YOU shall swear, That you shall be a good and true Beadle and Officer to this Corporation and Company of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London; and shall exercise and execute the same Office with all your Skill, Diligence, and Power; and that you shall at all Times be readily attendant upon the Master or Governors and the Wardens thereof, and their Successors, to whom you be now made Beadle or Officer; and that you shall be ready at all Times hereafter to perform all such Summons, Warnings, and lawful Services, as they or any of them, or the Clerk of the said Corporation and Company for the Time being, in their or any of their Names, or by their or any of their Commandments or Directions shall appoint; and that neither for Fear, Dread, Favour, Hatred, Malice, or other sinister or partial Respect or Affection, you shall omit any such Summons or Services, or any other such Things as to your said Office shall in any ways appertain; and all such Sums of Money as you shall receive, to the Use of the said Master or Governors or Wardens or Commonalty, you shall truly pay unto such Person or Persons as ought to receive it, or to be accountable for it; and all the lawful Privileges, Grants, Articles, Acts, and Ordinances, concerning the said Corporation and Company, you shall uphold and maintain to the uttermost of your Power;

Power; and if you shall know, hear, understand, perceive, conceive, suspect, or foresee that any Freemen of this Company, or any Foreigner, either Native or naturalized Subject of this Realm, or Denizen or Alien, that shall profess and practise SURGERY within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, or within Seven Miles Compass of the same City of London, shall openly or privately break or infringe any of the said Acts or Ordinances, or practise, attempt, or intend any Manner of Damage, Prejudice, or Impeachment to the said Corporation or Company, that then immediately with all possible Expedition you shall give Information and Notice thereof to the said Master or Governors, or to some of them, so that some speedy Course may be taken for Prevention or Reformation thereof; and that all such Matters of Council or Secrecy concerning the said Corporation or Company, or any Members of the same, as shall by any Means come to your Knowledge or Privy, shall be accordingly concealed by you; and all and every the Premises whatsoever otherways concerning your said Office you shall duly, truly, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep.

So help you GOD.

III. ITEM, it is ordained, That all Elections shall for the future be determined by Ballot; and that the Candidates in all Elections of Of-

ficers shall be reduced to Two, unless a Majority of the Members then present shall upon the first Balloting appear in favour of any One Candidate, in which Case such Candidate shall be immediately declared duly elected. When there is a Vacancy in the Court of Assistants, either by Death or otherwise, such Vacancy shall be declared at the First Court of Assistants which shall be holden after the same shall happen, and another *Assistant* shall be elected out of the Members of the said Company at the next Court after such Vacancy declared: And if the *Principal Master* or *Governor*, or either of the Two *Wardens* for the Time being, or any of the *Examiners*, shall happen to die, or be amoved, the Vacancy happening thereby shall in like Manner be declared at the next Court of Assistants which shall be holden after such Vacancy shall happen; and such Vacancy shall be filled up at the next Court of Assistants which shall be held after the same shall be so declared. And the new *Principal Master* or *Governor*, or either of such Two *Wardens*, shall continue respectively in such Office or Offices for the Remainder of the Year, until the next annual Election-day. And when any Officer of this Company shall happen to die, or be amoved, the *Principal Master* or *Governor* shall call a Court of Assistants to elect a new One; which Court shall not be held till after the Expiration of
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Twelve Days after ſuch Death or Removal; but the ſame ſhall be held before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days from the Deceafe or Removal of ſuch Officer, upon Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

IV. ITEM, it is ordained, That whenever any Member of this Company ſhall be ſummoned to appear at any Court or Aſſembly of the *Maſter, Governors, and Aſſiſtants*, or at any Court or Aſſembly of the *Examiners*, Notice thereof ſhall be given either to him perſonally or left in Writing at his uſual Place of Abode; and if, after ſuch Summons, the Member ſo ſummoned ſhall reſuſe or neglect to make his perſonal Appearance, according to the Tenor thereof, unleſs there be ſome juſt and reaſonable Cauſe to the contrary, to be judged of by the Court or Aſſembly to which he ſhall be ſummoned, he ſhall for the Firſt Default forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings, and for the Second Ten Shillings, and for every Default after the Second Summons, the Sum of Twenty Shillings of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and if any ſuch Perſon ſhall, after ſuch Appearance, depart, before the Cauſe of ſuch his Summons be determined, without the Conſent or Leave of the ſaid Court, then every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch his Contempt, to the Uſe of the Company, the Sum of Forty Shillings of like lawful Money.

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V. ITEM, it is ordained, That when any Court of Assistants shall be called, there shall be left at the Place of Abode of every One of the *Assistants* who shall inhabit or dwell within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or within One Mile thereof, by the *Beadle* or proper Officer, a particular Summons, in which shall be expressed the Purpose for which such Court is to be called whereto he shall be so summoned; and every One of the *Assistants* residing out of *London* or *Westminster*, at any Distance exceeding One Mile and not exceeding Seven Miles, shall be summoned by a Penny-post Letter: And no such Court shall be holden without the personal Presence of Two of the said *Governors* and Nine of the *Assistants* at the least; And no Order of any Court shall be binding or obligatory till the same has been confirmed by some succeeding Court of Assistants. And further, That no Member of the Court shall depart therefrom, without having first obtained the Leave of the *Principal Master*, or of the presiding *Governor* or *Warden*, or the Majority of the Court who shall be then present, on pain of forfeiting One Pound One Shilling of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; neither shall the *Principal Master* or *Governor*, or other Person who presides at the Court wherein the Business mentioned in the Summons is to be transacted, leave the Chair without the Consent of the Majority of the *Assistants* then present, until the Business of their Meeting be fully determined,

terminated, on pain of a Motion from the Court of Examiners and Assistants: And if any Difference of Opinion shall happen at any such Court, touching any Motion or Question made or proposed, the same shall be determined by balloting, if desired by any Two *Assistants* present: And, in case of an Equality of Voices or Votes, the *Principal Master* or *Governor*, if present, or in his Absence whoever shall preside at such Court, shall have the casting or decisive Voice or Vote.

VI. ITEM, in order to encourage a punctual Attendance according to the Summons, it is ordained, That every *Assistant* who shall be present in the Room where any Court of Assistants is appointed to be holden before *St. Paul's* Clock has struck the Hour mentioned in such Summons, shall receive Half a Crown, out of the Money which properly belongs to the Court of Assistants.

VII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of the Court of Assistants neglects to attend at any Court for the Space of Six Months, after having been duly summoned to attend, without giving a sufficient Reason or Reasons for such his Absence, to be judged of by the said Court, he shall be liable to be amoved from his said Office of an *Assistant*, and of an *Examiner* (if he happens to be One): And if any Member of
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either of the Court of Assistants or Examiners shall remove above Seven Miles from *London*, he shall be amoved from both the said Courts.

VIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Person practising as an Apothecary, or following any other Trade or Occupation besides the Profession or Business of a SURGEON, shall be capable of being chosen into the Court of Assistants; or, if he should be One of the Court of Assistants, be eligible to the Office of *Master* or *Examiner*.

IX. ITEM, it is ordained, That there shall be in the said Company Ten *Examiners*; who shall be from time to time successively chosen by the Court of Assistants; and shall consist of the *Principal Master* or *Governor* and the Two *Wardens* or *Governors* for the Time being, and of Seven other Members of the Court of Assistants; who shall continue in such Office so long as they shall well behave themselves therein; and shall be called *The Court of Examiners*; and shall have Power to examine any Person whosoever, either brought before them, or offering himself to be examined, touching his Skill or Knowledge in the Art and Science of SURGERY; and to certify the same accordingly; and to affix the Common Seal to the grand *Diploma* which they shall grant to any Person examined by them; provided such Examination hath been in the Presence of Two *Governors* and Three *Examiners*,

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or of One *Governor* and Five *Examiners* at the least, and not otherwise.

X. ITEM, it is ordained, That whenever any Court of *Examiners* shall be called, every One of the said *Examiners* who shall inhabit or dwell within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or One Mile thereof, shall be particularly summoned by the *Beadle* or other proper Officer; and if he resides at a greater Distance from *London* or *Westminster*, not exceeding Seven Miles, by a Penny-post Letter: And no such Court shall ever be holden without the personal Presence of Two of the said *Masters* or *Governors* and Three of the said *Examiners*, or One *Governor* and Five of the said *Examiners* at the least: And that no *Examiner* shall certify the Sufficiency of any Person in the Art of *SURGERY*, unless such Person hath been examined in the Presence of such Two *Governors* and Three *Examiners*, or One *Governor* and Five *Examiners*, on pain of the *Examiner* so certifying being dismissed from his Place of an *Examiner* and forfeiting Twenty Pounds: And that no *Examiner* present at any such Court of *Examiners* shall during the Continuance of such Court depart therefrom, without having first obtained the Leave of the *Chief* or *Principal Master* or *Governors*, or of the Majority of the Court who shall be then present, on pain of forfeiting Twenty Shillings of lawful

Money of *Great Britain*: And if any *Examiner* shall on any Account or Pretence receive any Fee or Present from any Person to be examined, either at, before, or after the Time of such Examination, he shall be expelled and amoved both from his Office of an *Examiner* and *Assistent*.

XI. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Person whatsoever shall be present at any Court of Examiners, but whom the *Examiners* themselves shall appoint; and that each *Examiner* who shall be present in the Room wherein the said Court is appointed to be holden, before *St. Paul's* Clock has struck the Hour appointed in the Summons for the Meeting of such Court, and shall continue there during the Examination of any Person or Persons who shall receive the grand *Diploma*, shall have Half a Guinea out of the Money paid for every such *Diploma*; and the Remainder to go into the common Stock of the Company; and in case no Person shall happen to be examined for the grand *Diploma*, shall receive Half a Crown, out of the Money which properly belongs to the Court of Assistants.

XII. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Member, either of the Court of Assistants or Examiners, who shall behave himself uncivilly or indecently to any of the *Governors* or other *Assistants*, at either of the said Courts, or shall, by
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Writing or otherwise, exprefs any Diffatisfaction at any Order, Resolution, or Determination of either of the faid Courts, after the Subject-matter of their Meeting has been determined by a Majority of either of the faid Courts, fuch Mifbehaviour in either of the foregoing Instances, to be judged of by the Court of Affiftants, fhall be *ipfo facto* expelled both the faid Courts.

XIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if his prefent Majesty, or his Succeffors, fhall be pleafed hereafter to appoint a *Principal Serjeant Surgeon*, who is not a Member of this Company, fuch *Principal Serjeant Surgeon* fhall, at the Firft Court after his Appointment, be prefented with the grand *Diploma*, without an Examination; and fhall likewise be chofen an *Affiftant* and *Examiner* on the Firft Vacancies which fhall refpectively happen, and *Principal Mafter* at the Election next enfuing his Admiffion into the Court of Examiners: And if fuch *Principal Serjeant Surgeon*, at the Time of fuch his Appointment, fhall happen to be a Member of this Company, but not of the Court of Affiftants or Examiners, he fhall in like Manner be chofen into the refpective Courts, on the Firft Vacancies happening therein; and fhall likewise be chofen *Principal Mafter* at the Election next enfuing his Admiffion into the Court of Examiners.

XIV. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Member of the Company, who shall be elected *Principal Master* or *Governor*, or *Warden*, or *Governor*, and shall refuse to take upon him the same Office, or to take such Oath as is afore ordained for the Performance thereof, not having a reasonable Excuse for his Refusal (to be allowed by the Court of Assistants) shall be expelled and amoved both from the Courts of Assistants and Examiners; and the Court of Assistants shall be at Liberty to proceed to a new Election of another in his Room; and no such *Governors* or *Wardens* shall, after the Expiration of his or their Office, intermeddle as *Governor* or *Warden*; but shall upon the First *Thursday* in *July*, being the Day on which his and their Office expires, or within a Fortnight after in every Year, deliver in his Accounts, and pay the succeeding *Governors* the Balance thereof, upon pain of Twenty Pounds for every Default, not having a reasonable Excuse, to be allowed by the Court of Assistants, as aforesaid.

XV. ITEM, because the late Act of Parliament and several of the By-laws herein contained have at many of the Courts directed by them to be holden, made the Presence of Two of the *Governors* indispensably necessary, and consequently, because their Absence may greatly protract the Business of this Company, whereby great Detriment may arise not only to the several
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Members thereof, but likewise to the public in general, for whose Utility this Corporation was constituted, it is ordained, That if the *Principal Master*, or either of the *Wardens* for the Time being, shall fail to give his or their punctual Attendance at any Court whereat the Presence of Two of them is expressly directed by the Act aforesaid, or by any of the preceding By-laws, he or they shall for every such Failure forfeit and pay the Sum of One Pound One Shilling of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, unless they can alledge a sufficient Reason or Excuse, to be allowed of by the Court of Assistants.

XVI. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of the Court of Assistants shall become a Bankrupt or Insolvent, he shall be removed from his said Office, and likewise from being an *Examiner* (if he shall happen to be One); and in such Case the Fine of Twenty-one Pounds, which he paid upon his Admission into the said Court of Assistants, shall be repaid him, if the Court shall think fit and reasonable.

XVII. ITEM, it is ordained That before any Motion shall be made, or Question debated or put, touching any Member of the Court of Assistants or Examiners, who shall happen to be present at such Court, such Person shall on Notice

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tice of such intended Motion, or Question, withdraw himself, till the same is determined; and on Refusal shall be amoved and expelled: And no Member shall have a Vote in any Question which relates to or regards himself.

XVIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the Court of Assistants shall out of the Members of this Company, on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *July* in every Year, chuse Two *Masters*, Two *Wardens*, and Two *Stewards of Anatomy*, without any Regard to Seniority; to be changed successively, Two at a Time, every Year; the particular Duty and Business of which respective Office, shall from time to time be determined and regulated by the Court of Assistants, and the Expences and Charges thereof, be borne and defrayed by the Company: And if any Member so chosen and appointed, after due Notice of such Election to either of the said respective Offices, refuse to accept and take the same upon him, without just and reasonable Cause, to be allowed of by the Court of Assistants, or if he accepts the same, and shall afterwards neglect to attend unto and execute the Duty of such Office; to be regulated and determined as aforesaid, he shall in either of the above Cases, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds of lawful Money: And if any such *Master*, *Warden*, or *Steward*

Steward of Anatomy, or any other Member of the Company, in dissecting Human Bodies, or the Parts of any Human Body, in public or private, shall indecently expose any Part thereof, so as to give public Offence, or shall take away any Part of the Skin, Member, or Flesh of any Body dissected by Order or Direction of the Company, without Leave of Two of the *Governors*, such Person so offending in either of the last-mentioned Instances shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money for each and every such Offence.

N. B. By a Resolution of a Court of Assistants holden the 23d of *July*, 1766 (*Mr. Crane*, Master) It was resolved, that the then Method of giving Anatomical Lectures did by no Means answer the Purposes intended: And that a Member of the Company, of known Abilities, should for the future be appointed, under the Character of *Professor of Anatomy*, to give a complete *Course of Lectures* annually, instead of the two Masters of Anatomy appointed to be annually chosen by the foregoing By-Law. And by a Resolution of another Court of Assistants, holden on the 26th of the same Month, the Fine to be excused serving the Anatomical Offices, was reduced from Twenty One Pounds to Five Guineas.

XIX. ITEM, it is ordained, That the Court of Assistants shall have Power to appoint One or more
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Member or Members of the Company to read Lectures of Anatomy or Surgery at such Time as the *Governors* shall think fit, for One Year only: And that if any Person so appointed shall accept of such Office, and afterwards shall neglect to perform it, as directed by the said Court, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*.

XX. ITEM, it is ordained, That if the said *Master* or *Governors*, or any or either of them, shall by him or themselves, without the Consent and Order of a Court of Assistants, transact any Business which properly belongs to the said Court, whereby the Company shall and may sustain or suffer any Loss or Damage, such Loss or Damage shall be made good by the Party or Parties so offending; who shall likewise be removed from their respective Offices of *Master* or *Governor*; and the Court of Assistants shall proceed to a new Election.

XXI. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Member of this Company, shall at any Time transfer or betake himself to or procure himself to be admitted or entered a Freeman or Member in any other Corporation or Company of this City, without having first obtained an Order, in Writing, testifying the Consent and Allowance of the Court of Assistants,

Assistants, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*.

XXII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of the Company shall wittingly or willingly, without the Consent in Writing of a Court of Assistants, cancel, blot, deface, or put out, or cause to be cancelled, blotted, defaced, or put out, any Picture, Monument, Memorial, Remembrance Book, or Record, belonging to the said Company; such Member shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

XXIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of this Company, who shall practise SURGERY, or any part thereof, shall use any indirect Means to take a Patient out of the Care or Charge of any other SURGEON, Member of this Company, (which indirect Means is to be determined by the Court of Assistants) or shall use, publish, or utter any Words in Detraction of the Art or Knowledge of such SURGEON, relating to his Profession, in whose Hands or Cure the said Patient then was, such Person shall, in either of the said Cases, forfeit and lose his Freedom of this Company, or otherwise forfeit and pay such a Sum (not exceeding Fifty Pounds) as the Court of Assistants of this Company shall think fit.

XXIV. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Person having a Right to the Freedom of this Com-

pany by Servitude, shall pay for the Freedom and grand *Diploma*, the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, of lawful Money; and every Person who has no Right by Servitude, and shall apply to this Company for his Freedom thereof, shall pay Two Guineas for the same, and Two Guineas for the binding Fee, over and above the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence, making in all for his Freedom and grand *Diploma* the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds Six Shillings and Six Pence. But if any Person so applying for his Freedom, who has no Right thereto by Servitude, or any Person who is intitled to his Freedom by Servitude at the Time of his being admitted into the Freedom of the said Company, proposes to reside and practise SURGERY at any Place or Town Seven Miles or more distant from the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and gives Security to the Company, to be approved of by Two of the said *Governors*, that he will continue so to do, he shall in such Case, be intitled to, and shall have the Freedom and grand *Diploma*, paying for the same no more than One Half of the several Sums herein before-mentioned.

N. B. An additional Sum of two Guineas was added to each Diploma, by a Resolution of the same Court of 23d of *July*, 1766; so that a Person intitled to their Freedom will now pay 23*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* and other Persons, 27*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

XXV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That any Person whose Circumstances are such as it may be inconvenient to him to advance so much Money at One Time (which Inconvenience to be judged of by the Court of Assistants) shall, on Payment of Half the several Sums of Twenty-one Pounds and Two Shillings and Six Pence, be admitted into the Freedom of the Company, and receive the grand *Diploma*; and shall pay or secure, to the Satisfaction of Two of the *Governors*, the other Half, within Three Years, from the Time of taking up the Freedom thereof, unless such Court of Assistants shall think fit to indulge such Person with any longer Time for Payment thereof: And if any Person shall practise SURGERY at any Time hereafter, or hang out any Sign, professing to practise SURGERY, without having first been duly examined by the Court of Examiners, and having received the grand *Diploma* under the Seal of the Company, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Company the Sum of Five Pounds of lawful Money for every Month he shall so continue to practise or profess to practise without such Licence and Authority.

XXVI. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Member of the said Company shall take any Person into his Service as his Apprentice, to be instructed in the Art or Science of SURGERY, for any shorter Time than Seven Years; which Person shall understand the *Latin* Tongue; his Abilities wherein

shall before his being bound, be tried by the *Governors*, or One of them. And every Freeman of this Company, or foreign Brother, shall, within One Month next after his Entertainment of any Person in order to be his Apprentice, present such Person before the *Governors*, or any Two of them, at a Court to be by them held, and there bind such Person to him before the said *Governors*, by Indenture, upon pain of forfeiting Twenty Pounds of lawful Money. And the Clerk of the said Company shall not bind any Person who has not been presented and examined, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money, and being liable to be amoved from his said Office. And no Apprentice shall be turned over from One Master to another, but at a Court, in the Presence of the *Master* and *Wardens*, or One of them; and One Guinea and no more shall be paid for the same.

XXVII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the SEA-SURGEONS Chests and Instruments, whenever offered for Examination, shall always for the future be examined by the *Master* and *Upper Warden*: But if either of them neglects or refuses attending for that Purpose, the *Second Governor* or *Warden* shall be intituled to such Examination; and that the Certificates of the SEA-SURGEONS, having left their Journals, shall for the future be signed by the *Principal Master* or *Governor*, or such of the other *Governors*

Governors who shall be authorized by the Court of Assistants to peruse and examine the same.

XXVIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the *Clerk's* Salary shall not exceed Sixty Pounds *per Annum*; and no Gratuity shall be above forty Pounds: And that the *Beadle's* Salary shall not exceed Twenty Pounds *per Annum*; and no Gratuity above Ten Pounds, unless with the Consent of a Majority of the whole Company who shall attend at any Court.

XXIX. ITEM, it is ordained, That for the future, all public Dinners of the Company shall be had at such Time and Place only, as the *Master* and *Governors*, or any Two of them, shall appoint; and that the Expence shall be defrayed by voluntary Subscriptions: And that at every such public Entertainment the *Clerk* shall call over the Names of all the Members of the Company, according to their Standing in the Company, and such of the said Members who shall be present shall answer to their Names, and take their Seats at Table according to such Seniority, and on Refusal shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

XXX. ITEM, it is ordained, That the *Governors* for the Time being, or some or One of them, shall receive to the Use of the Company, all Fines, Forfeitures, Annuities, Rents, and Sums of Money due and payable to the Company; and shall likewise disburse

disburse and expend all the Charges and Expences of the Company.

XXXI. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Member of this Company shall yearly, on *Midsummer-day*, or within Fourteen Days then next ensuing, pay the Sum of Ten Shillings of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and every foreign Brother the Sum of Twenty Shillings of lawful Money, for and in the Name of the Quarterage of the said Company, at such Place and unto such Person or Persons, as the *Governors*, or any Two of them, shall from time to time assign and appoint, the First of which Payments shall be made on *Midsummer-day* now next ensuing, or within Fourteen Days then next following, and to continue for so long Time only, as the Court of Assistants shall think fit, which said Court shall, if they think fit, have Power of increasing the said Yearly Sums to the Sum of Forty Shillings to be paid in Manner aforesaid, provided the Majority of a general Court of the whole Company consent thereto, until the Theatre and other new intended Buildings, for the Use of the said Company, are erected, finished, and paid for (the Money so to be raised being intended to be applied for the erecting and finishing such Buildings, and discharging the Interest of the Money borrowed for that Purpose): And after such Buildings are intirely completed and paid for, such yearly Sums, or such Quarterage only, if any, shall be paid, as shall be
settled

settled and agreed to by the Majority of a general Court, to be summoned for that Purpose.

N. B. By a Resolution of a general Court of all the Members, holden on the 12th of *August*, 1766, an Addition of 6*s.* *per Ann.* was made to the Quarterage of all the Members, not of the Court of Assistants, who had not served or fined for the anatomical Offices; and 12*s.* on each Member of the Court of Assistants.

XXXII. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That every Person that has the Company's grand *Diploma*, and shall reside at above the Distance of Seven Miles from *London*, shall be excused and exempted from the Payment of any Quarterage, or yearly Sum whatsoever.

XXXIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the said Company will for the future in all Cases defend and protect (at their own Expence) any of the Members thereof, if sued or disturbed for any of the just Rights and Privileges which they enjoy, as Members of the said Company.

We have perused and do approve of these
ORDERS and ORDINANCES,

HARDWICKE, C.
W. LEE.
J. WILLES.

Signed, this Seventh Day of *April*, in the Year
of our LORD, One thousand Seven hundred
and Forty-eight, by Us,

JOHN FREKE, MASTER.

W. PYLE,

LEGARD SPARHAM, } WARDENS.

J^{NO}. RANBY.

C. HAWKINS.

W^M. PETTY.

J. SANDFORD.

W^M. CHESELDEN.

JAMES HICKS.

PET. SAINTHILL.

NOAH ROUL.

J. WESTBROOK.

W^M. SINGLETON.

JAMES PHILLIPS.

JOSEPH WEBB.

MARK HAWKINS.

CHR. FULLAGAR.

EDW. NOURSE.

JOHN GIRLE.

JOHN TOWNSEND.

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